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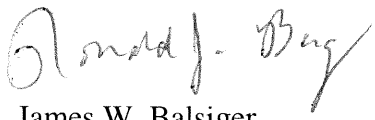

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Dr. Michael Dahlberg, Director
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Dear Dr. Dahlberg:

I would like to thank you and your staff, Jack Helle, Alex Wertheimer, Adam Moles and others at the lab for the excellent presentation and tour you provided to members of the U.S. and Chilean delegations on July 29, 2004. The detailed, behind the scenes, operational tour of the Auke Bay Laboratory was much appreciated by members of the delegations. Thank you for helping to make the Seventh Session of the United States - Chile Fishery Cooperation Talks a success. I appreciate the efforts of you and your staff to take the time to highlight the work of the Alaska Fisheries Science Center's Auke Bay Laboratory.

Sincerely,


For  James W. Balsiger
Administrator Alaska Region

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